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WSC Students Honored at Convocation

Worcester State's best receive scholarships and awards at annual honors ceremony

By John Brown III
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Worcester State's finest students were recognized at the annual Honors Convocation on March 27th. The evening started off with a reception in the Blue Lounge. Faculty members, administration, students, family and friends attended the reception. Worcester State President Kalyan K. Ghosh had this to say about the evening, "I signed a number of certificates for scholarships for tonight, upwards of 200." He added, "There are five awards given at large. I give out most of them

and the keynote speaker hands out one also."

There were many students being honored on this evening where the faculty showed up in force for this event, demonstrating their support for the students they instruct. I spoke with the keynote speaker, Dr. Robert F. Perry, a 1975 graduate of WSC, on his view of the evening.

He took the time to speak about his WSC experience, "When Professor O'Connor almost killed me. I didn't show up for class for over three weeks. I made my monthly appearance and he was not at all happy to see me." Perry continued, "I sat in the front row

and he asked me a question. Of course I could not answer it."

One can only imagine the contemptuous scowl upon the face of Professor O'Connor as he stared down this intruder to his classroom. "He had steam coming out of his ears and I crawled out of the classroom that day and realized what he said was right."

Dr. Perry stated that his first year was a rocky one so he decided to take a year off and work. Upon his return to school he buckled down and did the work necessary to not only pass but to excel. Perry said, "My first year I was a 1-point something and as you know that will wreak havoc with your CUUM (cumulative GPA)." Perry added, "After that I came back and pretty much did straight A's and graduated with about a 3.4, I believe."

The ceremony began with Dr. Michael Spitzer, the newly appointed Academic Vice President, and the Master of Ceremonies. He jokingly said to the crowd that he had the pleasure of asking us all to rise and sit throughout the evening.

Among the students on hand receiving awards was Susan Szpakowski, she was honored that evening with the academic major award in mathematics. Sue carries a 3.78

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With Honors! Worcester State Students gather for a picture before receiving awards at last weeks Honors Convocation.

New Deal for Faculty and Librarians

Tentative agreement reached between teachers and the Board Of Higher Education

By Jackie Donovan
VOICE STAFF

Recent strides taken have shed light upon both promise and progress of the settlement of a contract for the Massachusetts State College Association (MSCA).

The Board of Higher Education (BHE) has come to a tentative agreement between their council members and the representatives of the MSCA. Pending ratification will be decided at a date to be set later.

The potential new contract will include all faculty and librarians of the nine state colleges, provided they are members of the Union. A technical definition for part time and adjunct professors, known as the Unit, will be included. "The Unit will be covered by contract and decided by labor unions," said WSC professor David Twiss, a key leader in the advancement of the contract for Worcester State Union members.

Conditions of the new contract include a salary increase, an economic package, and changes in the health and welfare contract that the Commonwealth makes from the health and welfare fund. In addition, there will be changes in the sick-leave-buy back formula, as well as an increase for department chairs in stipends. A portion

of the contract deals with post tenure review and an anti-nepotism clause for search committees. Finally, there will be an addition of arbitrators for the Collective Bargaining Agreement and minor changes to Articles 20 and 12.

Professor Frank Minasian, Vice President of the Massachusetts State College Association, spoke to The Voice, and provided the above summary. He also expressed how he felt about the current status. "The Collective Bargaining Agreement is a product of negotiations. Under the circumstances, I felt, and most of the members of the bargaining team felt, that the work product was worth submitting to the membership for its consideration, even though it has taken three years and over seventy-four sessions of bargaining. It is a startling change from where parties began three years ago. I am relieved that the ordeal is over and that the members, at least for now, have a product that is worthy of their examination."

Future steps from this point forward include the union explaining and answering any questions from members prior to ratification. Members will vote at a ratification date, which has yet to be set, so

the parties may commence bargaining once again. At some time in the future, strides will be taken to look into unresolved issues like distance learning and intellectual property rights.

Minasian has attended almost all of the seventy-four bargaining sessions of the past three years. His alternate has been Professor Twiss. At Worcester State College alone, there are between 160 and 170 union members favored for the contract. MSCA leaders like Minasian and Twiss have been working with the BHE and the Council of Presidents, who represent the Boston Administration, headed by the "Education Governor" himself, Paul Celluci.

This contract will hopefully open more doors for the students here at WSC. Governance is needed to put new programs and courses into action. Faculty and librarians, if ratification is achieved, will return to Article seven, which deals with college governance.

If ratified, some portions of the contract will become active on December 30th of this year.

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Last Friday at work, a woman said something to me that struck me rather deeply.

I work at Biagio's restaurant on Park Ave., which gets extraordinarily busy on Friday nights. I had just gotten five tables, which were all sat at the same time, and was as busy as a one-arm paperhanger.

This particular woman was at a table in the back of the restaurant, away from the rest of my tables. I ran back to drop their check (she was with a male companion), and thank them for their patronage.

I went back to grab their charge card and run it through the machine, and brought it back to be signed. As I was walking away, the woman stopped me to tell me something. I couldn't have been busier, but I decided to hear her out.

"You won't like to hear this, but it's important," she said.

"Yah," chimed in her companion, "Listen to this."

After all the preface, she finally said, "Some of us don't like to be called 'guys'."

All I could do was shake my head and walk away.

I will be the first to admit that I am by no means a feminist, but I will also state that I am by no means a sexist. I have my faults: I hold doors, pull out chairs, pick up the check. But I will never believe that a woman can't do something based on her sex. My best friend in the world is a woman; I can't imagine anything she couldn't do.

Additionally, I have two sisters who both went to all-women colleges (Regis and Smith). They make me prouder than I could possibly express in words. When they played sports, they excelled. When they were in school, they excelled. Now that they are in the workforce, they excel.

I firmly believe these three women could do anything a man could do, and possibly do it better. I wish that woman at the restaurant would have simply asked my stance on the subject, rather than chastising me for the employment of a typical service-industry cliché.

It occurred to me that situations like this have become vastly more prevalent since the advent of "political correctness." No longer is what we say taken at face value; there's always some hidden agenda.

I am reminded of an instance where an executive was fired for his use of the word "niggardly" in a meeting. Some African-American person was offended by the word, not knowing what it meant, and instead of dealing with the problem rationally, he asked that the executive be fired for the use of hateful language.

The word niggardly, for those without excessively high IQs, means cheaply. It has nothing to do with the racial epithet it sounds like. The word existed hundreds of years earlier, derived from a combination of Norse and Old English. The other's derivation is Latin, taken from the word for the color black.

Now this man who was fired, lost a very high-paying, secure job. His family was endangered, his career ruined, and belief in the system shot to hell. All because he had a fantastic vocabulary. Could it be that P.C. sometimes goes too far?

I can see how political correctness has its good points. Anyone who remembers Jimmy the Greek would have to agree with me. Jimmy was a sports caster for ESPN, who claimed that African-Americans were better athletes because they were bred that way. He was fired...and for good reason. There are some things that shouldn't be tolerated.

But nothing should be taken to the extreme. If political correctness continues on the course it's on, how long will it take before the nation is allowed only Newspeak, and all dissidents will be punished.

Fairly soon, we won't even be allowed to burn our politicians in effigy...and what fun would that be. It is every American's right to shout at the Devil every thought they have regarding the inability of politicians to do their job. We have that privilege. I enjoy that. It's not something a lot of countries have.

I long for the time when people were measured by the content of what they said, not the manner in which they said it. We have no need for epithets, they don't do anyone any good. But fanaticism and paranoia aren't going to help either.

If this woman was so politically correct as to tell me not to call her a guy, why not ask why I said it? Why not accept it for the harmlessness it was? I will have to answer to my sisters and my friend enough for my being raised by an avowed sexist.

No one needs to be castigated for what they didn't do.

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My girlfriend went crazy again... yelling and throwing stuff.

I don't know how to pick quiet girls. I'm a magnet for the nutty wild ones.

Finally, I told her, "This is the end."

I lost my temper, and threw her stuff out the window.

I didn't want her to feel too badly so I threw my own stuff out too.



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CAMPUS NEWS

Worcester State College Police Log

Compiled by: John Brown III

3/23/01 10:46hrs. Malicious Damage to Vehicle: Resident student reports her truck window was smashed and items taken. Unit 19 investigating.
3/23/01 19:40hrs. Chapter 90 violation: Resident student observed operating a motor vehicle with another student sitting on trunk of car. Unit 17 responding.
3/23/01 21:45hrs. Disorderly Conduct: Unit 17 and 13 responding to a call about firecrackers going off at pub. Unit 13 shut down party and pub.
3/24/01 02:39hrs. Disturbing the Peace: Noise complaint, 2nd floor in Chandler Village. Responded and found quiet. Unit 22 responding.
3/24/01 03:50hrs. Disorderly Conduct: RA reports intoxicated males in Chandler Village. Reportedly tipped over trash barrel. Unit 22 responded no one around.
3/24/01 20:25hrs. Suspicious Activity: Female visitor followed by a driver off campus to on campus using flashing lights, pulled up next to car. Visitor came to campus police. Unit 17 responded.
3/24/01 23:35hrs. Minor in possession of Alcohol: RAs confiscated alcohol. Dispatcher reporting.
3/25/01 17:36hrs. Chapter 90 violation: Vehicle stopped for speeding in R Lot. Unit 13 responding.
3/25/01 20:05hrs. Burglar Alarm: Alarm sounding in S219A. ADT called.

Unit 31 responding. Alarm not activated. S224 checked ok.
3/25/01 20:18hrs. Disturbing the Peace: A resident reported disturbances on the 3rd floor of DH. Unit 12 responding.
3/25/01 20:30hrs. Suspicious Activity: Security alarms for Financial Aid Office and Registrar Office. Investigated by Units 13 and 31. No one found. Reset alarms.
3/26/01 04:03hrs. Burglar Alarm: ADT reports alarm in S219A. Unit 21 responded. Reports all secure and in order.
3/26/01 08:30hrs. Burglar Alarm: ADT reports alarm in S219A. Unit 15 responded. Alarm set off by employee without code.
3/26/01 09:42hrs. Fire Alarm: Engine 9 on campus responding to false fire alarm in Administration building. Unit 15 responded and notified facilities.
3/26/01 14:30hrs. Hit and Run Motor vehicle accident: Gray Ford, driver's side tail lens broken. Unit 14 investigating.
3/27/01 12:31hrs. Harassing Phone calls: Female student came into office to report harassing phone calls. Unit 18 investigating. Had student fill out victim statement.
3/27/01 22:35hrs. Chapter 90 violation: Observed vehicle driving wrong way from Upper Lot to Lower campus while speeding. Unable to talk to operator prior to leaving campus.
3/28/01 01:50hrs. Suspicious

Activity: A resident phoned in a fight occurring outside a Chandler Village house. Unit 18 responded. Nothing found to be occurring.
3/28/01 21:15hrs. Disturbing the Peace: A group of non-students on the 5th floor of DH making noise with excessive yelling. Unit 12 responded. People dispersed.
3/28/01 22:48hrs. Controlled Substance Violation 94C (Illegal Drugs): Report received about a group of people standing behind a Chandler Village house smoking marijuana. Unit 18, 12 and 17 responded. People found, claimed to be smoking cigarettes. No contraband found.
3/29/01 03:40hrs. Disturbing the Peace: Noise complaint from resident in Chandler Village House. Unit 22 responded. House found to be quiet upon arrival.
3/29/01 19:02hrs. Medical: Phone call received of a female having chest pains in the gymnasium. Nurse already there. Unit 13 responded. Reports nurse keeping student under observation.
3/30/01 20:42hrs. Motor Vehicle Accident: A Student reported having had an accident with another person in front of Ghosh Building at 2:00pm. Student involved exchanged paperwork at that time. Unit 13 reporting.
4/1/01 03:03hrs. Disorderly Conduct: Caller reported snowball throwers in Chandler Village. Unit 22 responded. Participants gone upon arrival.

4/1/01 03:29hrs. Disturbing the Peace: Caller reports noise, first floor of Dowden Hall. Unit 22 responded. Had three persons in hallway move along to their rooms.
4/1/01 09:35hrs. Burglar Alarm: ADT reported alarm going off in S104. Unit 15 responded. Upon arrival no alarm sounding.
4/2/01 13:55hrs. False Fire Alarm: WFD on scene at Student Center. Someone set off a pull station alarm. Unit 15 responded.
4/2/01 23:58hrs. Disturbing the Peace: Report from a Chandler Village House of residents playing hockey in their living room. RA's responded to quiet them down.
4/3/01 02:22hrs. 209A: Restraining order served to a resident student by Unit 18 and 21.
4/3/01 11:01hrs. Larceny under \$250: Employee called from mailroom to report a book belonging to a fellow employee was taken from mailroom. Unit 15 investigating.
4/3/01 16:13hrs. Assault: Female student threatened by another female student in Dowden Hall. Unit 12 investigating.
4/4/01 02:43hrs. Disturbing the Peace: Noise complaint on second floor DH. Unit 16 responded. Students asked to keep noise under control.
4/4/01 3:57hrs. False Fire Alarm: Smoke detector activated on first floor East side DH. Unit 16 responded. No results.
4/4/01 12:49hrs. Disturbing the Peace: Noise complaint from Chandler Village. Unit 13 and 19 responded.

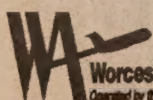
Stanley Egbor participated in the Duke Invitational this past weekend at Durham, North Carolina. This meet was attended by the top track and field athletes from around the country. Stanley placed first in the 200 meters with a time of 21.69 seconds. The time was an NCAA Division 3 automatic qualifier. Stanley is now the top 200 meter runner in the nation for Division 3. Stanley also ran a time of 10.92 in the 100 meters, but failed to make the final.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Students shine on this night

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cumulative average.

Karen Gronroos received the academic major award for the Communication Disorders Department. Karen has maintained a 3.9 GPA for over seven semesters and has been accepted to three schools to continue on for her masters' degree. Gronroos stated, "I have been accepted at UMass, UConn, and Worcester State, and I think I am going to remain at Worcester State." Gronroos continued to say that she hopes to take her talents into the public school system.

When it came time for Alumnus Dr. Perry to take the stage, he did so in somewhat dramatic fashion. He posed a question to all the students sitting in the audience who would be receiving awards that night. Perry asked, "Is there anyone better than you tonight?"

This left all but one student speechless, he quickly and emphatically answered, "NO!"

Perry went on to thank Professor O'Connor "for a much needed kick in the butt." Perry added that students should enjoy their time at college because before they knew it this time would pass and they would be entering an altogether different college, "The University of Adversity."

His speech was not overblown or too long, for it appeared he had learned his lessons well at Worcester State and knew that this was

a night for the students to shine. He was not going to be the one to take the spotlight away. He finished his speech with a joke.

"I heard a joke about a doctor once. This doctor was standing in a long line on his way to heaven. All of a sudden a man walks past the entire line and he too is wearing traditional doctor attire. He walks up to St. Peter who is watching over the pearly gates, whispers into his ear and St. Peter opens the gate and lets the man in. This doctor who has been waiting patiently gets upset and walks up to St. Peter and inquires why this doctor was allowed to pass through the line. St. Peter answers the doctor by saying, 'That man was no doctor. That was Jesus. He just thinks he's a doctor.'"

The crowd let out a modest laugh, and Dr. Perry let the students have their spotlight.

The Worcester State College Chorale performed on this evening as well and put on a good show for the crowd on hand. The Chorale will be heading to Ireland in May.

The Voice's own Jackie Donovan received the Freshman Achievement Award in honor of Dr. Robert F. Perry, for maintaining a 4.0 as a new student to Worcester State. It was not only a proud moment for all members of the Voice, but a special day for Miss Donovan, who had celebrated her 19th birthday, just two days prior to receiving this award.



Faculty and students pose for a picture at the Honor's Convocation

PHOTO BY MARIA FERRARO

WSC Loses Retiree

Obituary

Dr. James Ayer, 64

Worcester State Language and Literature Department Professor since 1964

On March 31, 2000 Dr. James Ayer died while at Health Alliance Hospital in Leominster after a long illness. Dr. Ayer was a professor in the Department of Languages and Literature here at Worcester State College for 37 years, retiring last year.

Dr. Ayer graduated as Valedictorian from Livingston Manor High School. He received a Masters degree with high honors from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. with high honors from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. While teaching both remedial and accelerated reading courses at Guilderland High School in New York, Ayer won a full fellowship to Columbia University, where he attended for a year and a half. Donations in his memory may be made to the Liver Transplant Unit UMass Memorial Medical Center, 55 Lake Ave. North, Worcester, Ma. 01655



ALMA MATER

Verse 1: Worcester State our noble college, we take pride in you,
As we gather gaining knowledge, we will e'er be true.

Verse 2: When we came to our dear campus, strangers all were we,
Forming bonds we did with many, learning set us free.

Verse 3: Years do pass at Worcester State and as we travel on,
We'll recall the joys we had our hearts will ne'er be gone.

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Of our college days.

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Songstress Shea Seger Hits Music Scene

Debut Album a hit for this Texas born singer

By Danielle Williamson
MANAGING EDITOR

Texas-born Shea Seger's debut album, "The May Street Project," cannot be grouped into one definite category of music. Citing such influences as Janis Joplin, Otis Redding, Marvin Gaye and Arrested Development, Seger manages to create her own Southern soul sound, one she describes as "mutt dog...bluesy pop with beats."

The upcoming single "Clutch" is one of the most contagious tunes on the album, with a dance beat and powerful chorus that is sure to flood the airwaves soon. This track is followed by the sexy "Blind Situation."

The fourth track, "Shatterwall," was a slight disappointment after listening to the first three powerful tracks. Compared to the rest of the songs on "The May Street Project," the droning and monotonous "Shatterwall" is inferior. However, fans of Tori Amos and Jewel might disagree.

"I Love You Too Much" sheds light on Seger's insight as a songwriter. In this song, which has been described as atmospheric, Seger confronts the reality that there is a big step between "love and understanding." When her boyfriend "stops at [the] love," she sets him free.

Track 7, "Walk on Rainbows," is rather atypical of female artists. In this song, Seger's echoing voice fits well with the combination of background sounds, creating a trance-like effect. It might be fair to compare "Walk on Rainbows" to a Radiohead sound.

The first half of "The May Street Project" proved itself worthy of praise. In the

first seven songs, Seger managed to transcend boundaries that are sometimes expected of female artists. The remainder of the album is similarly commendable. Seger is versatile, being able to croon a love song as easily as she can develop a pop beat. Tracks 8 and 11, "Always" and "Isn't it Good" are strong examples of Seger's poetic capabilities. "Always" is a melodic duet with singer/songwriter Ron Sexsmith. "Isn't it Good," where Seger reflects on a relationship, is one of the best songs on the disc.

Seger veers away from the reoccurring themes of love, heartbreak and desperation with the powerful account of "May Street," where she was raised in the tiny town of Quitman, Texas. This chilling last track begins with a relaxed Seger plainly speaking about May Street: "Vietnam vets...getting high on May Street..." The continuous background drum beats complement her smooth, soothing voice, lending to a somewhat dreamlike effect.

Listeners of "The May Street Project" will not be disappointed. Though Seger is touring primarily in Europe right now, if her album is met with success, we should see her in the United States in the near future.



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REEL BIG FISH

California based band draws over 600 fans to WSC

By Tiffany Case
SPECIAL TO THE VOICE

On Friday, April 6th, Worcester State opened its doors once more for its annual spring semester concert. This year we hosted Reel Big Fish with the Pushstars, a Boston based band, opening for them. The concert sold six hundred tickets, both at the college and at local Strawberries stores, and was held in the Sullivan Auditorium.

For weeks before the concert was held, banners and tiny fish had graced the walls of almost every building on campus to welcome the arrival of the band, and to help sell tickets. On the day of the concert, many dedicated WSC students became staff members and helped with making the concert a success. Though the concert was not scheduled to begin until 8 p.m. Friday, students from various organizations began work at 1p.m. to create makeshift dressing rooms, as well as set up the stage to prepare for band warm-ups.

With a scream reminiscent of Ted Neely, for those of you who know who he is, emanating through the auditorium doors, Reel Big Fish began their rehearsal. The lead singer slid magical fingers across the strings of his guitar and with a final laugh the band went to their dressing room. In an unfamiliar musical style, trumpets and slide trombones accompanied the usual guitar and drums of this ska band.

While waiting for the Pushstars to rehearse, the lighting crew tested the lights to ensure that they faded properly for the

performance ahead. Piece by piece, the Pushstars equipment was placed and they too began their rehearsal session.

Finally, after the student security was made aware of their duties, the eager fans were allowed to take their seats in the auditorium. The turn out was good, filling the first ten rows in all three sections. News crews from Channel 4, Channel 13, and our own Lancer Outlook, were on hand to interview the bands and get what footage they could. As the Pushstars took the stage, the audience was cautious through the first few songs, but eventually there was a rush to the barricades where most would spend the whole evening.

Reel Big Fish came on stage to the theme from Superman, with one of the members wearing a cloth advertisement of the concert as a cape. As the band began their set, the audience bobbed up and down in rhythm to the music. A mini light show illuminated the band through blue, orange, red and purple tints. From the back of the auditorium, one could see the whole audience standing as close as they could get to the stage. The energy on stage rivaled that of the audience. Band members jumped around the stage, even going so far as to swing their instruments around as though they weighed nothing. The wilder they were, the more the audience loved them.

On the floor, people danced and twisted up and down the aisles. Even the Worcester State staff members were caught once or twice indulging in a few dance moves. Members of the Pushstars stuck around and

sat in the back to watch the Reel Big Fish performance. Between the audience bobbing like they were on trampolines, swing dancing in the aisles (almost), and the band coming back out for an encore, the concert was a success. No major incidents occurred and the evening, on a whole, went smoothly.

Behind the scenes, the student staff busied themselves with deconstructing the stage in an effort to see the bands off into the early morning. Part of the success of the concert lies with those who helped to load and unload the stage equipment, not to mention those who drove the band from place to place. Those who worked security helped to keep the audience in line so that there was no trouble. Thank you to these people who helped to put this concert together and make it enjoyable for those who attended.

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By Amber Vayo
SPECIAL TO THE VOICE

On Thursday, March 29, Dr. Kenneth Miller brought his lecture "God, Kansas and Darwin" to Worcester State. The Brown University professor discussed the 1998 Kansas School Board's decision to discontinue the teaching of evolution. The decision was condemned by the entire scientific community and overturned in 2000.

Dr. Miller discussed the "lessons from Kansas" and the "flaws" of evolution. He showed graphs of animal and plant evolution. Dr. Miller pointed out that evolution can be documented. He also brought in the studies of geology and astronomy to prove his point.

He used the example of a glycoprotein (he also assured non-science majors they can get through life happily without knowing what that is). In this example he mentioned that fish in Antarctica have developed a protein in their blood similar to antifreeze. This protein seems to have appeared when Antarctica detached from South America and froze. This would prove the process of natural selection.

Dr. Miller also showed charts of 22 different types of elephants, two of which still exist. He said that if one creator created them, that creator could only be described as "inefficient." He attacked the belief that evolution is "too random" to be God's work. Dr. Miller says that everything is random. He used the example of President Kennedy saying that if he'd been "on deck during the PT 109 crash our history would be different." He also discussed free will.

The theory that evolution would "take too long" amused Dr. Miller. He asked why we would discuss time assuming God is an infinite being. He then challenged the belief that evolution contradicts Genesis. Dr. Miller says that if you read the Bible literally, "even the imperfect King James Version," it seems like it does contradict evolution. He then uses St. Augustine as an example. St. Augustine said that if religion and science fight science would win. St. Augustine said we should not let religion "ruin itself that way."

As a Roman Catholic and a biologist, Dr. Miller believes that God and evolution can

coexist. He brought up the fact that in 1947 Pope Pious XII said evolution was not a threat to the church. Pope John Paul II also condoned evolution three years ago.

Dr. Miller assured the audience that scientists are "the most self-critical group." He scorned the belief that scientists won't disprove evolution because they are a "brotherhood" and wouldn't prove each other wrong. He says that the only way to get ahead in science is with facts and if someone had proof evolution did not exist he could "pick his career for the rest of his life."

During the question and answer session that followed the lecture Professor Miller was asked where God came from. Dr. Miller said he did not know and the only answer he could give was from the Bible: "God always was and always will be." There were many theological questions, such as the existence of evil, if there is a just God. Dr. Miller gave us his answers but said that he was a cellular biologist, not a theologian.

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WSC Students Recognize Professors' Achievements

Griffin group hosts Fourth Annual Celebration of faculty publications

By Jackie Donovan
VOICE STAFF

What do turtle lifestyles, Appendicitis, the Faire Queen, Operas for Children and the attitudes of high school teachers towards their AIDS affected students all have in common? They were all examples of faculty publications from the Worcester State College community during the past year.

Last Tuesday, the Griffin Group hosted the Fourth Annual Celebration of Faculty Publications in the Blue Lounge of the Student Center. The Office of Academic Affairs sponsored the event. It was a day in which students of the Worcester State College Community honored, praised, and offered congratulations to their professors who have been published in the past year.

Members of the College's Griffin Group recognized faculty and their ability to publish. "Once a year, the faculty is invited to share what they have been involved in, whether it is having been published in a journal, writing a chapter of a book, or achieving an artist development, they are recognized by these students," said Jerry Sorge, Staff Associate to the Academic Vice President. Sorge is described by Dr. Jeffrey Roberts, Vice President of Academic Affairs, as "the man behind the scenes" of Tuesday's event.

Maria Ferraro, the President of the Griffin Group, has been in the organization for her four years at Worcester State. The group didn't begin until her freshman year when Ferraro and a sophomore put it together. The purpose of the Griffin Group is to unite Presidential Scholars and Honors Students outside their classes in order to maintain relationships. "We do this for a reason, we feel that as Honors students of the school, we should honor the professors," Ferraro

continued, "After today there will be a permanent display in the library and a plaque will be made."

Greetings were conducted by President Ghosh who expressed his congratulations to the faculty, "I am grateful and thankful to all the members who are contributing to the scholarship. The scholarship is in different forms. You are doing a variety of things and are well exhibited. You cannot be a good professor without being an honored scholar, and your best compliment comes from the students," President Ghosh explained.

Ferraro, Terova and Zepp listed the recent accomplishments of the honorees and allowed them to give a summary of their publications, any updates on current works, and what has been the result of their efforts. Honored work came from numerous genres including articles, books, chapters, journals, Compact Discs, websites, calendars, paintings, performance art, computer software, and various others.

Twenty-nine professors were

honored by their individual departments: Biology Department, Dr. Terry Graham, Dr. Surindar Paracer, and Dr. Maureen Shamgochian; Chemistry Department, Dr. Margaret Kerr; Communications Disorders, Dr. Susanna Meyer and Dr. Susan Rezen; History and Political Science Department, Professor Bruce Cohen, Dr. Peter Holloran, and Dr. Vivian Fox; Languages and Literature Department, Dr. Guillermina Elisondo, Dr. Juan Orbe, Dr. Dennis Quinn, and Dr. Karen Woods Weierman; Mathematics Department, Professor Michael Mulcahy and Dr. Robert Perry; Nursing, Dr. Helen Rogers; Occupational Therapy, Dr. Mark Rosenfeld and Dr. Donna M. Joss; Philosophy Department, Dr. Courtney Schlosser; Psychology Department, Dr. Lori Dawson, Dr. Christine Marco, Dr. Pearl Mosher-Ashley; Sociology Department, Dr. Corey Dolgon; Urban Studies Department, Dr. Steven Corey; and the Visual and Performing Arts Departments, Professor Michel Merle, Dr. Christie Nigro, Dr. Craig Quintero, Dr. Ann Marie Shea, and Professor Bryce Vinokurov.

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Question of the Week Responses!!

Who is your least favorite professor at WSC?

My least favorite teacher is Bruce Henry from the Math department.

-Melanie, student

My least favorite professor at WSC is Professor Delaney. He is boring, he mumbles, and his tests are complete nonsense. The highest grade on the last test was a 40, you would think that would tell him something.

-Heidi, student

Frank Minasian in the Political Science department.

-Matt, student

Student Government Candidates Platform Statements

SGA Elections to be held April 11 - 12

The Student Government Association will hold elections on Wednesday and Thursday at the Sullivan 'T'. Many offices are up for grabs and your vote will as always be important. Please be sure to take the time to read the platform statements provided on the following pages so that you as a student and voter can make an educated decision.

Theodora Dule For Commuter Senator

I am presently serving on the student senate as a commuter senator at WSC and have been for the past year. In addition I am serving on the Budget Committee, I worked as an Orientation Leader in the summer of 2000, and I have worked as a Math Tutor for Disability Services.

Despite the demands on my Computer Science and Mathematics majors, my concerns about the commuters and the student body in general at WSC has compelled me to run again for senate. My present project (among others) is concerning the hours of the Library and Computer Labs on campus. I would like to see the hours extended so that commuting students who have no other access to the facilities the library and computer labs offer, can make use of them.

If re-elected this term, I will continue to dedicate time and effort to push for reforms that will benefit the student population. I would like to see the Student Senate continue to act as a liaison to help students get their needs met, and I know I can help make this possible.

Nadia Saleh President Class of 2002

My name is Nadia Saleh and I am running for a 4th term as the class of 2002 President. I have been in this office for three years now and I would be honored to be your Senior Class President. I have worked extremely hard for the Class of 2002. I have had the pleasure of meeting so many of my classmates and getting to know them through many of the activities that I have helped arrange. Just to name a few: collecting money for less fortunate children at Christmas time for the past three years, shopping for their gifts, planning two memorable semi-formals, and participating in the class wars. At the present time I am working very hard to bring you a fun and memorable Spring Semi-formal. I have put a lot of time and energy into this year's making sure it will be the perfect night for everyone. I feel that my most important accomplishment as your Class President has been the funds I have raised for the class through the Valentine Carnation Delivery Sale. I started doing this our freshmen year because I wanted to be sure that everyone would have an affordable Senior Week with all its activities. Because of my ambitious drive, our bank account is in excellent standing. I'm planning to have numerous events for our class next year such as, "A Senior Night Cruise", a senior banquet, a trip to Foxwood Casino, many senior nights at the Pub, and other senior activities.

I have had the support of the Class of 2002 for 3 years now, and that is because of my commitment. I can't express to you how much of a pleasure it has been being your Class President. It would be a complete honor for me to stand in front of a class that I've grown so attached to over these past three years and say a few last words of good luck on graduation day. So if it isn't broken, why fix it? Vote Nadia Saleh for Class of 2002 President on April 11th and 12th.

Josh Katz SGA President

The time is now!! This is the time that you should let your voice be heard. Let your voice say, "Katz for S.G.A President." Do you want someone to represent you who can relate to you? I believe I am that person. I have been apart of Student Government for the past two years. Last year as president of the class of 2003, I gained the knowledge of how things work on this campus. This year I have represented you as your resident senator on Student Senate, and I have become more aware of what WE need as students. If elected I will work diligently to meet all of our wants and needs. April 11th and 12th are days when you have a say in what goes on here at Worcester State. Elect experience and knowledge. You decide who represents you. Let your voice be heard. "Vote Katz For S.G.A President!"

Rebecca Foley Student Trustee

Hello. My name is Rebecca Foley and I am running for Student Trustee. I am a junior Psych major with minors in Health Education and Secondary education. I am currently a class of 2002 Senator and the Senate Parliamentarian. I chair the Procedural Committee. I am a WSC delegate to the Worcester Consortium Student Government, a council that helped found last year.

I feel that my credentials are spread across the board and that I have experience working for my constituents in a number of ways. Worcester State has a "Students First" policy and I feel that the SGA needs to elect a representative that will fight for you and this policy within the WSC Administration.

A vote for Rebecca Foley ensures that your voice will be heard within the Board of Trustees.

Matt Manter President Class of 2003

Are you sick of reading the same platform statement over and over again?

Sick of hearing the same old espresso-sipping pseudo-intellectual tell you that they and only they know how to save your future? This isn't that kind of platform statement. If the Class of 2003 votes me President, I will not stop world hunger. I cannot guarantee peace in the Middle East. I will not give everyone in the residence halls a puppy.

What I can give you is a promise that I will look out for your interests. I will try to work with Housing to make sense out of their room deposit policy and try to make sure that a senior from Connecticut never again loses housing to a freshman from Greendale. I will petition the powers that be, insisting that the campus judicial system regularly conform to the rights of the students guaranteed by the constitution. I will not stop harassing The Man until something is done about the commuter parking, or lack thereof. Furthermore, I will do my best to get cottony soft, 2-ply toilet paper in all WSC bathroom stalls. You pay an enormous sum of money to come to this school, you should have a say.

I also come with experience. I have worked in the State House for a year, been Class Officer in my high school, worked on several school committees, and have been published in several papers. State Senator Bruce Tarr once called me "Massachusetts next up and coming politician." State Representative Brad Hill called me "America's Second-Favorite Intern."

I've got the determination, the experience, and the time on my hands.

Damn the man, Vote Matt Manter.

Student Government Candidates Platform Statements

Monica Labbe President Class of 2003

My name is Monica Labbe and I am currently your Vice President. Next year, with your support, I hope to be your class President. I am confident in running for this position because I fulfilled all of my duties this year as the Vice President. I am now prepared for a greater challenge and as your President I will do my best to motivate our class to participate in fun and exciting activities. As we forge ahead I am willing to do what it takes to make our class outshine the others. As your leader I am willing to meet and exceed all the responsibilities bestowed upon our class in the years to come. Thank you for your support!

Carrie Stewart Vice President Class of 2003

Dear Class of 2003,

My name is Carrie Stewart. As a member of sophomore class, I am running for Vice President, I feel as though I am a good candidate for this position mostly (or partly) because I held this office my last two years of high school. I have some new ideas for our class, including fundraisers, which should help the class financially. I hope to represent our class, The Class of 2003, as the new Vice President. It would be an honor to have your vote in the upcoming election.

John Tarashuck Vice President Class of 2003

To Whom It May Concern,

I work hard. My favorite color is blue. I am honest and dedicated. For these reasons, I feel that I would make a great Vice President. If any of my characteristics coincides with yours, then you should vote for me, please. I am polite, too. Thank you and vote for me, John Tarashuck for Vice President Class of 2003.

Stacy Weaver Senator Class of 2001

My name is Stacy Weaver and I am running for the position of Senior Senator. I was a member of my Student Council in high school and I was enthusiastic about continuing my role as a student leader when I came to Worcester State College. I am currently a Junior Senator and I have been working hard with the rest of Senate to improve the campus. I am interested in you, as a student, and with the issues and concerns that you have with Worcester State College. I will work hard to try and fix them. So remember to vote for me on April 11th and 12th!

Stacy Hardy for Secretary class of 2002

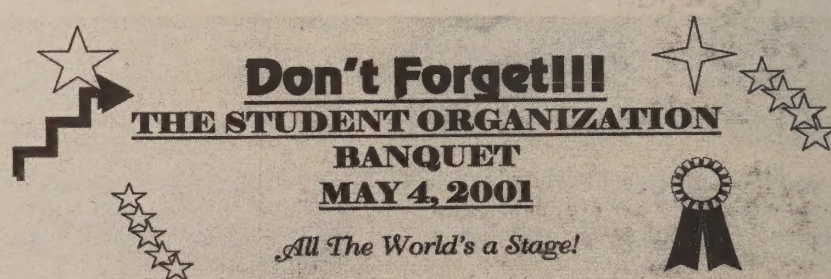
Hi my name is Stacy Hardy and I am running for secretary for the class of 2002. Being secretary for the past two years I have helped plan the semi-formal, raise money for our class, as well as raise money to donate to charities. I am also involved in BACCHUS. I am a junior and my major is Occupational Therapy. Due to the fact that next year

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Joanie Rylander Vice President Class of 2002

Hi my name is Joanie Rylander and I am running for Vice President of the class of 2002. I have been the Vice President for the past two years. I am a junior and my major is Business. I am also in SEC and an Orientation Leader. As Vice President I have helped plan the semi-formal, and raised money for our class as well as charities. Since next year is our senior year we have a lot to get accomplished and I feel I am the right person for the job. I will do my best to make sure we have an eventful senior week. These are important issues and I know if elected I would work hard to make sure every one of them is accomplished. So when you vote next week remember to Vote Joanie for Vice President.



- Award nominations and names of active members eligible to attend Banquet Due Back to Student Activities Tuesday, April 10
- Sign Ups for Banquet Begins (each member must sign up individually at Sue Rainville's desk) Thursday, April 12. You must have provided us with a list of eligible members for your members to sign up.
- Cost will be \$7.00 per person
- Your organization needs to submit a Hall of Fame Nominee when submitting your other nominations
- We need pictures for the slide show!!! Drop them off with Tim Sullivan or Sue Rainville
- Guests are allowed to attend the banquet. One guest per member allowed. The cost for a guest is \$17.00
- Organizations can pay for their members to attend if they have funds in Line 99. You must let us know when you submit your list of eligible members. Each individual member still must sign up at the Student Activities Office if they plan to attend. **IF AN ORGANIZATION PAYS FOR ITS MEMBERS TO ATTEND THEY WILL BE CHARGED FULL PRICE (17.00) FOR ANY NO SHOWS!**
- We are encouraging every organization to present several awards to their members at the banquet. If you will be making a presentation, please let Tim Sullivan, Lori Morrisette, Dave Archambeault or John Brown III know by Tuesday, May 1.

GTK

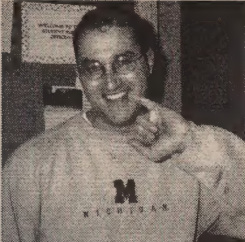
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THE STUDENT VOICE

What's the best thing about working on the Voice?

Who's your favorite writer?

If your house was on fire, and you could only save 3 objects, what would they be?

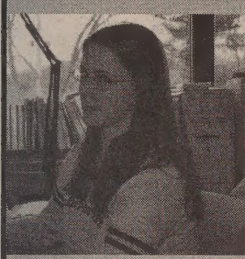


John Brown III
Editor
Junior
Communications

Having the largest office and a TV in the Student Org. wing. Oh and the "mounting couch."

Timothy Zahn,
sci-fi writer

A picture of my mom, my signed Ray Borque stick, my Papa San chair and a Coke to drink while I watch all my insured items burn! Shopping spree baby!

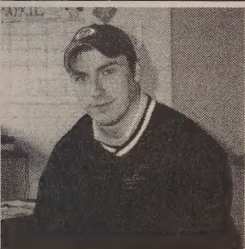


Danielle Williamson
Managing Editor
Sophomore
English and Urban Studies

Getting to write whatever I want

Dave Barry,
James Patterson

My photo albums, journals and cd collection



Brendan A. McGrail
Associate Editor
200?
English and History

The ever-present and perpetually constant employment of cynicism and derision

John Milton (all-time)
John Grisham (alive)
Tony Kornheiser (newspaper writer)

My G. Gordon Liddy autographed copy of Machiavelli's *The Prince*, the picture of my family in its entirety, and my Guinness

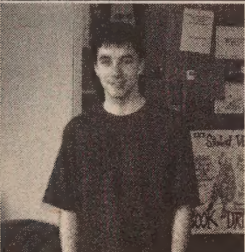


Jackie Donovan
Voice Staff
Freshman
Elementary
Education/English

Escaping Dowden to spend time with new and...different people

J. K. Rowling

My roommate (trust me, she wouldn't get out..love you Laura!), my old security blanket, and my sketchbook.



Chris Giofreda
Voice Staff
2003/2004
English

Get to work with interesting people

John Irving, Stephen King and Alexander Solzenitsyn

My cd's, my books and my posters



Devan Campbell
Voice Staff
Freshman/sophomore
English

I have a forum to "voice" my opinions

Fredrick Nietzsche

My book bag, my favorite sculpture and my notebook that contains personal information on all the other Voice members



Jessica Killoran
Voice Staff
Sophomore
English and Communications

Gaining experience in writing

Stephen King

Photo album, DVD collection and my diamond ring



Michael A. Ray
Voice Staff
Year: undecided
Biotechnology

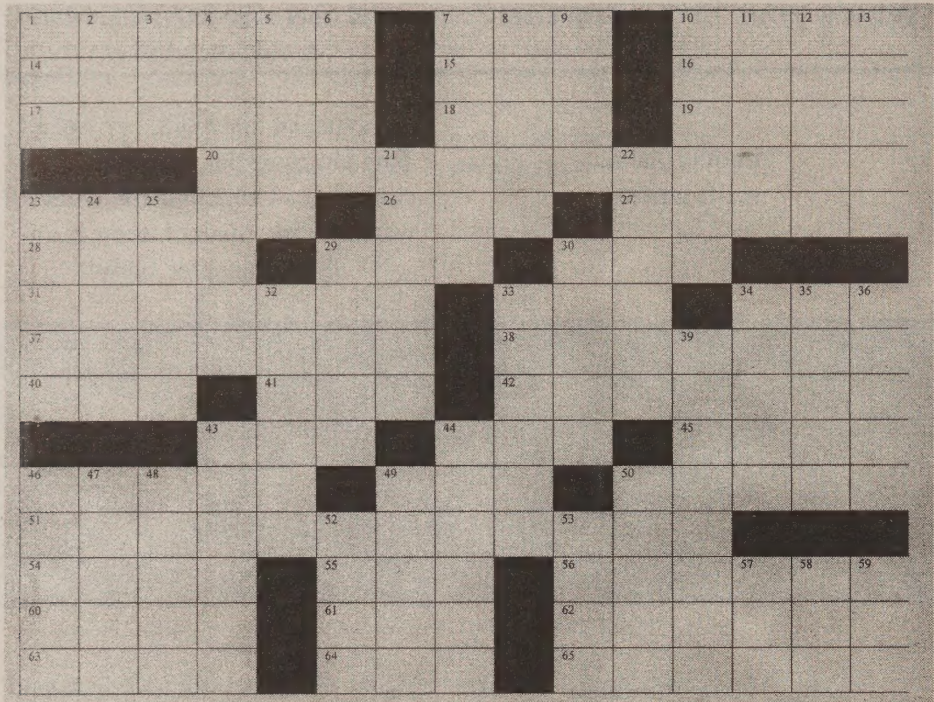
I made some friends writing for the paper. The best thing is definitely some of the people.

Favorite living: Michael Crichton
Deceased: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

My Laptop.
A box with many photographs to help remember the fun times.
And a binder of irreplaceable import CD's.

Xword
created by Brendan A. McGrail

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Flings

7. Rural delivery route

10. Thick carpet

14. Get better

15. Pub orders

16. Gather

17. To-do list

18. Lower digits

19. Henri's friend

20. Our continent

23. Goose livers

26. Mr. Butler

27. Weighed down

28. _____ the Red

29. My favorite place

30. Torso bone
31. Aided and _____

33. Tyrannosaurus _____

34. Resolution (abbr.)

37. Flower bracelet

38. Quintessence

40. Um's cousins

41. Ben _____

42. Stork kin

43. Barrel

44. Elation

45. Models

46. A plus

49. Above (to a poet)

50. Places to dig for gold

51. Family car

54. Camp house
55. Sift

56. Traffic stoppage

60. Interested

61. Baseballer

62. Baltimore player

63. Lion's sound

64. Sharpton and Kaline

65. Cincinnati player

DOWN

1. Artist Angelico
2. Lower limb
3. Frozen water
4. Puts together
5. Laudations
6. Practice boxing
7. Instead
8. Be buoyant
9. State
10. Egyptian beetle
11. Muggy
12. The girl in Wonderland
13. Gain
21. Benedict Arnold
22. Drink
23. End of war
24. Ann _____, MI
25. Levels
29. Started
30. Get out of debt
32. South Pacific island
33. Delay
34. Sing of spring
35. Send out
36. Dr. _____
43. Gambler
44. Baubles
46. Awake
47. Quick note taking
48. Kris Kringle
49. Actress Tatum
50. Sir Thomas _____
52. Killer whale
53. Dollop
57. Run
58. _____ Kazam
59. Baseballer Ott

Xword Answers March 27

Hawaiian Hysteria

Spring week 2001-April 21-27

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By
SEC

Sat. Apr. 21-
HULA Day
*Semi-Formal (7pm-12am @ Holiday Inn)

Sun. Apr. 22-
ALOHA Day
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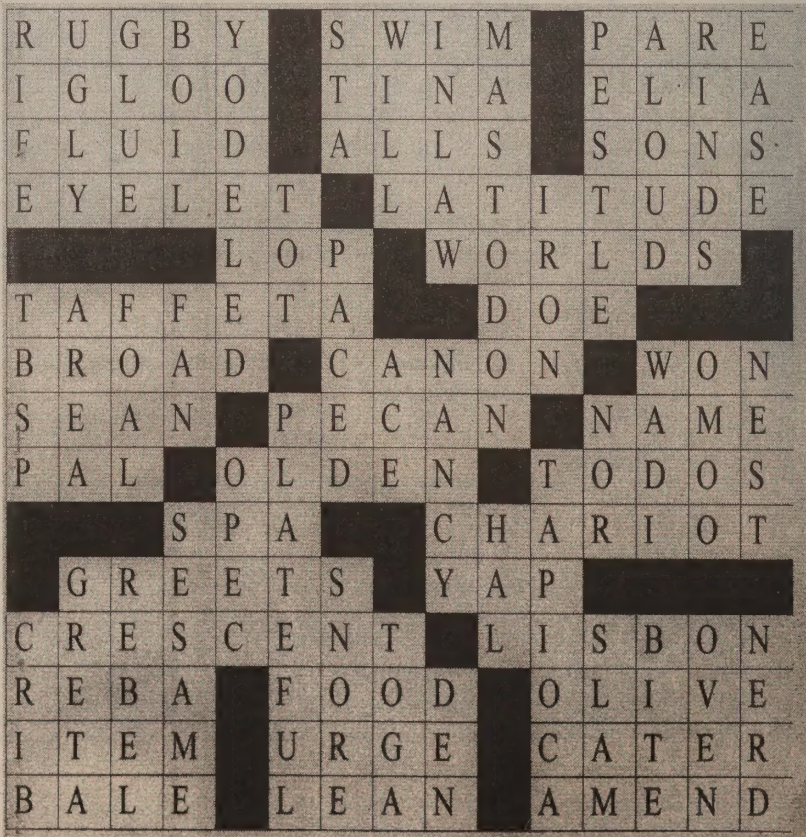
Mon. Apr. 23-
BEACH Day
*Lecture by Johnie Tutiel (11.30am @ SC)
*Lazertag & WAAF (5-9pm @ SC)

Tue. Apr. 24-
WILD Day
*Warrens (7-10pm @ SC)

Wed. Apr. 25-
GET LEID Day
*Sand Art & Fun Photos (10am-2pm @ SC)
*Talent Show w/ Host, Pete Dominique. (7-10pm @ SC)

Thu. Apr. 25-
LUAU Day
*WSC Clean-up (2-5pm)
*Traveling Max- Sing-along show
*BBQ & Mocktails (4-6pm @ SC)
*WSC Dance Co. Performance (7-9pm, Sull. Aud.)

Fri. Apr. 27-
RELAX Day
*Movie- "Proof of Life" (9pm @ OLP)
*Big Band Swing Dance (8pm-12am @ SC)



Slick Willie Speaks at Salem State

\$100,000 brings former president to a crowd of 3,600

By Jackie Donovan
VOICE STAFF

Former President Bill Clinton gave his first public forum since leaving the White House in historic Salem last week.

His appearance once again put Salem State College, who has had, to date, all of the living presidents visit and lecture, on the map. For quite a sum, the college hosted our 42nd President on March 26th at 8:00 PM. Though \$100,000 seems too hefty a price tag for most, Clinton provided nothing short of a night of vivacious energy, inspiring students, professors and fans alike.

A handful of protestors stood amidst the snow and wind outside the stadium, but their numbers and voices were drowned out by the cheers and excitement of his supporters.

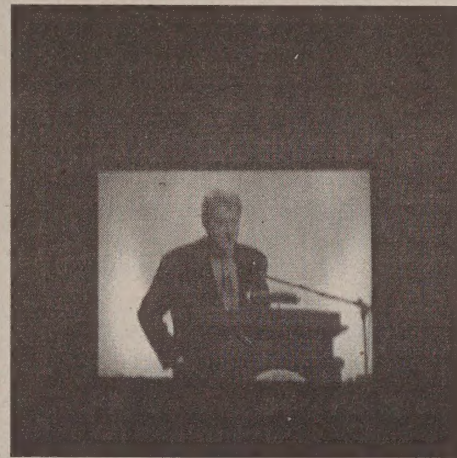
After Clinton's entrance into O'Keefe Stadium, the crowd of 3,600 erupted into a standing ovation, to which the jovial Clinton bowed slightly and conducted his speech. The roughly forty-five minute lecture avoided his more crisis-filled times in office, though he did make a parallel between himself and the notorious Salem witches.

"I have sort of identified with those witches, a time or two," he stated, "many of the accused were put to death...well, I seemed to have survived."

Clinton spoke of himself as well as

presidents including, Adams, Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, and Truman. During his speech, Clinton gave strength towards his past legacy and sketched out his future approaches to current issues.

His much-anticipated speech stressed his productive record in office, and how the nation can progress from this point forward. He looked to the past for answers throughout much of his lecture. He declared that we have faced five periods of challenge, which have defined America.



Bill Clinton as shown from a projection screen at Salem State College

PHOTO BY DANIELLE WILLIAMSON

The areas included the battle of making our government work, the brother vs. brother atrocities of the Civil War, our shift into an industrial society, our becoming a world power after the Roosevelt administration, and the final and current stage: the Age of Information and Technology.

Clinton stated that through each period Americans became more intense, "history has taught us not to stand passively."

As the second-youngest former President, Clinton also gave the audience of the O'Keefe Stadium a preview of what is to come in his future. Though he quoted John Quincy Adams as stating, "Nothing in life is as pathetic as an ex-president," he also explained that President Adams, "Put the lie to that."

Clinton, like Adams and other former presidents, will continue to spread his influence. He will lecture at numerous other college campuses and meet with former South African President Nelson Mandela to discuss the AIDS crisis. Presently, Clinton is traveling in India to set up funds for earthquake victims.

Throughout the lecture, he then guided listeners towards effective answers to his question, and transitioned from one point to the next by repeating, "What course would widen the circle of opportunity, deepen our freedoms, and strengthen the bonds of our community?"

Bill Clinton encouraged the crowd to seek courses of action that widen the circle of opportunity, deepen freedoms and strengthen the bonds of our community.

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Community Fights Multiple Sclerosis on Foot

Walkers raise \$75,000 for disease

By Jessica Killoran
VOICE STAFF

On Saturday, March 31 over 500 people gathered at Worcester State's Student Center to begin a 6-mile walk along the streets of Worcester to raise money for the research and treatment of Multiple Sclerosis. Participants spent months acquiring sponsors and organizing teams while the Multiple Sclerosis Society and its volunteers prepared for this elaborate event. Local companies who would match the amount of money raised by each individual, therefore making the walk capable of bringing in great amounts, also supported many teams.

As the walkers entered the Student Center, friendly and excited volunteers greeted them and walked them to the registration and prize table. Depending on the amount of money each individual raised, they were awarded prizes ranging from water bottles and T-shirts to sweat shirts and gift certificates. The growing crowd was entertained by the music of Holy Cross' Marching Band and Paul Giroux, a D.J. from Boston Party Makers of Worcester. Both kept the group lively, and at points, dancing

and cheering, when some team members were invited to step up to the microphone and route for their cause.

All began walking at 10:00a.m. The Holy Cross Band led them for the first quarter of a mile. Worcester Police aided the walkers by controlling traffic since the streets Chandler, Pleasant, Park Avenue and May were not blocked off for the walk. Volunteers at rest spots handing out drinks, fruit and chips supported walkers along the way. Cars followed in case assistance was needed.

For most walkers, the 6-mile walk took one and a half to two hours to complete. Their return to the Student Center was met with a party. Everyone was awarded a medal for finishing and more food than could be eaten was served. Pizzeria Regina sponsored the lunch providing pizzas, sandwiches and salad for all. There were also cookies, hotdogs, soda, and coffee.

Approximately 75,000 dollars was raised for Multiple Sclerosis. The announcement of that figure caused cheers and applause to rise from the crowd. Many who participated suffer from Multiple Sclerosis or have a loved

one with the disease. Therefore, this event was an emotional one and it gave off feelings of pride, accomplishment, and hope. A wall by the entrance of the building was covered in heart shaped papers with messages from the family and friends of those suffering from the disease. The room was filled with tremendous amounts of support and love, bringing some to tears.

I participated in this walk in support of Multiple Sclerosis sufferer John Chionchio who before that day I did not even know. A friend of mine from work, his wife Joanne, was organizing a team and asked me if I wanted to get involved and I agreed knowing that it meant a great deal to her. From the moment I arrived I felt proud and a sense of importance in what I was doing. With the money I raised and the small amount of time I spent walking I helped John as well as many other sufferers and had fun doing it. It was truly a wonderful experience and I will with no doubt participate again in the future.

This walk is held annually and The Voice hopes to build a team for next year.

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Voices of Worcester State

Forever Young

Everyday my thoughts drift
To a place in the past
Where your voice fills the halls
And your smile
Brightens the room.

Eventually, reality comes crashing
Around my delicate memories
I am forced to remember
the day your voice
was silenced forever.

I have been to the spot
where you will lie
Eternally young
your picture is placed
Over the dates or your
Enter and Exit of the
world, that was made better
By the grace of your presence

I still have a flower
that adorned your casket
Its once yellow color
symbolizes the friendship
that is kept eternal
By the memories of your life
and the laughter you
Brought into mine.

Adam Gallant May 2, 2000

-Missy Moore



The Laws of the Jungle

(in the eyes of a stranger)

All alone walking in the jungle
Sun's up but all I see are shadows
And they, they are lurking all around
Above, to the sides, behind and below
I feel them breathe, I feel them watching me
The wind blows and I feel them move
But their exact position,
I really don't know
Nor what or who, I've absolutely no clue
One cries out and seemingly
They all join in
I try to place the sound,
A mammal's growl or a rodent's squeal
Birds chirping, or was that a howl?
A small breeze and the leaves rustle
Down my spine runs a chill
I tense up and wait
For the pain I'm sure to feel
An eternity goes by, before I resume to
breathe
Slowly I relax, still caught up in the thrill
Then it pounces, and time stands still
All I see is a blur, as it brushes past me
A dash of fur, diving into the bush
I reel back in shock
This time I'm quick to recover
I peer into the bush, can't make out a thing
But I hear the squeals, the grunts
And the crunching noises
Now I know for real, that here I don't belong
The Jungle is for those that know the laws
The laws of the jungle

- Eric kaniu

T e m p e s t

A Frigid and anxious tempest
surged across the barren plains
in the inhospitable deserts of Atathea

On a sturdy, gritty dune
rested the weather beaten and antiquated
Castle of Mirnox
dark, austere and foreboding

Rooted securely on an ancient parapet
Graylor, a solitary gargoyle of protection
crouching incessantly, waiting for a purpose

His maddening game, icy stare
and taunting grimace; fell upon
any and all who dared to approach

Many centuries ago the ghoulish Castle
malevolent occupants abandoned their
impermeable
hideaway in search of wealth conquest and
power

One day, they met their ill-fated demise
in the clutches of a vile and felonious Dragon
unwilling to part with her countless riches

Graylor abides patiently in reticence
guarding the empty chambers and dusty hallways
of a stronghold long forgotten and forlorn
somewhere between the veils of limbo
and the shadows of a legend.....

Christopher M. Smith
3-21-01

Random Thought

Hope is not eternal, in some it is a fleeting
thought

Life is not a reality just a vision we wish to
have

Dreams are things to strive for
Goals are to achieve

Success is in your own heart
Failure is a judgement made by others.

Three things I have learned in my lifetime
I live by this creed

I will fall

It may hurt

But I will try

Move forward with your life

When you find a bump

State this phrase aloud

And move forward knowing it can only get
better

--John Brown III

Falling

A silent scream
Echoes in the shadows of darkness
The image of someone falling into Despair
Glides through your memory
As a tear falls
For another soul lost

-Elizabeth Pandolfe

At the end of the year a \$50 prize will be issued to the author of the best poem. There will be a \$20 prize for the runner up, and one honorable mention. All entries submitted to the paper during the spring semester will be up for consideration. Please send all entries to dcampbell@worchester.edu on a Microsoft word document attachment. Thank you for any submissions.

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